

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date May 9, 2007
Time: 7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gwen Benedict	Ted Fosberg	Larry Moormeier
Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark Flynn	An Pham
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STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development Planner
Michael Lafreniere, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
Myron Clinton, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

The meeting was called to order by Gwen at 7:06 PM.

GUESTS PRESENT: None

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the March 14th meeting were approved as corrected 5/0/0. The minutes from the April 11th meeting were approved 5/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT: - None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: - None

AGENDA ITEMS:

Maintenance and Operations Update

Myron Clinton

Myron described the monthly list of maintenance activities as detailed for two example parks. The TruGreen contract is \$10,000 less in 2007 for the same services. A contract was secured with Goodbye Graffiti for graffiti removal from the skate park. This work is done proactively within 48 hours by a large truck that sprays hot water and solvent in an environmentally friendly manner. Playtoys are also being hit with graffiti and Myron recommends that the contract be expanded to clean

these proactively as well. Graffiti removal is now being handled by Park staff and is a very laborious process.

Myron distributed the design for replanting Lake Burien School Park. It includes a native planting area and areas with spring and fall color.

Develop Annual Report

Scott Thomas

Scott has added 2006 activities to the report using the same format as last year. Gwen will review, update and send a copy to the Board before our next meeting.

2008 Work Program and Budget Review

Scott Thomas

Scott added separate vehicle roads from pedestrian trails in Seahurst Park, increased funding for toys for the neighborhood parks and proactive graffiti removal as our ideas for additions to the 2008 Work Program.

Jean suggested having a goal that no child/youth be turned away from a class or activity sponsored by the Parks and Recreation department. Michael will request that Recreation staff submit data on the number of children/youth turned away both for financial and space reasons.

Gwen requested return of the 'Tot Spot', a place for parents to bring young children for a time of exercise and play. This program was discontinued when the Senior Center moved to Community Center.

Jean requested more funding for invasive plant removal.

Arts in Parks

Gwen Benedict

Gwen posed the following question: Should there be a relationship between the Park Board and the Arts Commission? Ted suggested that for situations where artwork is put in a park, it should be done as a collaborative effort between the two groups. Gwen described an effort to find ways for the chairperson of each board to meet on a regular basis to establish cross communication. We agree that we should be involved in requirements for art in parks as well as have the right to review designs before they are sent to the Burien City Council. Public Works has been designing the Town Square Park and approved a sculpture design that does not fit in with the original intention.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

June parks tour – We suggested visits to Manhattan Park, Grandview Park, Dottie Harper Park, Shorewood Park, Walking path at Gregory Heights.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Casey Stanley was awarded the Young Professional Award from the Washington Recreation and Parks Association - one of the highest honors given by the organization.
- Chair Orientation – Friday, May 18 – Gwen and Larry will attend this meeting for chairpersons of all volunteer city boards and commissions.
- Seahurst North Seawall - The state has approved \$1.1 million for removal of the Seahurst north seawall. The total cost is estimated at \$10 million, much of which would come from Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies. By this time next year, Parks will have spent \$100,000 of the state funding for the feasibility study.
- Community Center Master Plan Update – The Parks Department is in the final selection phase for the firm that will do the plan. The plan should be done by end of year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Date: June 2007
Center

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Burien Community

Respectfully submitted by
Jean Spohn, Recording Secretary